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David Osborne Hamilton

So close to me these dusty lives go past—
Shall I cry out how Beauty came to me?
O futile lips, be still! O heart, close fast!
Break not with joy, lest you set Beauty free!

OUR TIME

Once more earth bellows with the lust
Of rolling drums. Once more we win with fire
The passing wind, and perish for the dust
Of man's desire.

Fierce as the tiger in the night,
And greedy as the swine that roots the clod
Is man, whose spirit of eternal light
Moves into God.

David Osborne Hamilton

MEMORY

I walked with you beside the orchard bars,
Where the still plum-tree drops her whiteness down.
You kissed my brow: your kiss was like a crown.
You kissed my mouth: my crown was set with stars.

Margaret Belle Houston